



MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 14, 2003

TO: The Honorable Mayor & Council
Downtown and Rio Nuevo Subcommittee
Members

FROM: 
James Keene
City Manager

SUBJECT: Science Center

The University of Arizona delivered the completed feasibility report on the proposed new Science Center to the City on July 14, 2003. Mayor and Council offices, the Rio Nuevo District Board, the Rio Nuevo Citizen's Advisory Committee as well as all city libraries will have copies delivered by July 15th.

Staff will discuss the report with the Subcommittee at the July 17th meeting, as well as describe the community review process that will take place prior to any official action on the proposal.

The Feasibility Study includes five components:

1. Market Support and Economic Potential Study by Consultant Thomas J. Martin which evaluated the financial feasibility
2. Strategic and Conceptual Design Study by Ralph Appelbaum, which focuses on the program components to be offered.
3. Proof of Concept Study, by a multi- institutional team to analyze the physical feasibility of constructing such a structure, including the Bridge.
4. A Community Input Study conducted by Flandrau staff, its consultants and community Workshop Chairs to solicit input on the proposed project.
5. An application for Rio Nuevo funds to help underwrite construction of the facility.

Staff from the City, University and Flandrau will be able to discuss the specifics of the study and funding application with the Subcommittee at the July 17th meeting.

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